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Letter dated 22 June 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations and the permanent missions of the members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Countries of Our America-Peoples' Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP), I have the honour to convey my warmest greetings and to transmit herewith the special communiqué signed by the members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Countries of Our America (ALBA), entitled "ALBA Countries Repudiate Manipulated Political Trial of Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo" (see annex).

I respectfully request that this letter and its annex be issued as a document of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 32.

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Bolivarian Alliance for the Countries of Our America-Peoples' Trade Agreement

Special Communication

ALBA Countries Repudiate Manipulated Political Trial of Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo

The members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Countries of Our America-Peoples' Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP) repudiate the manoeuvre by sectors of the Paraguayan political right to institute a political trial of Fernando Lugo, the constitutional President of that sister republic.

The purpose of the trial is to depose President Lugo and to install an illegitimate Government that would return Paraguay to outdated political practices it has overcome.

On behalf of ALBA-TCP, we reiterate our support for the democratic Government of President Lugo, which can be replaced only by vote of the Paraguayan people who elected him.

We call on the Paraguayan people to defend democracy, while reiterating that they have the support of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Finally, we urge the democratic peoples of the world to support the sovereignty of the Paraguayan people and the peaceful, democratic development of that sister nation.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
21 June 2012